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# REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 31, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

# **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 31, 2009 in the above application wherein claims 1-24 are rejected.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

#### **AMENDMENT**

### In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The amendment shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.